

# Master of Community and Regional Planning Curriculum Requirements University of Nebraska–Lincoln

## Overall Curriculum Structure

The MCRP degree program requires completion of **48 graduate credit hours**, encompassing the following two components:

- **24 credit hours** of required core courses
- **24 credit hours** in a completion track

The course work requirements for the MCRP degree program are described below:

## Prerequisite

Students who are admitted to the MCRP degree program will have completed a bachelor's degree in any of a wide variety of undergraduate majors.

## Required Core Courses

Core courses required for all students in the MCRP degree program include the following:

CRPL 800 Introduction to Planning	3
CRPL 802 Planning Theory	3
CRPL 804 Legal Aspects of Planning	3
CRPL 810 Qualitative Techniques for Planners	3
CRPL 830 Planning with GIS	3
CRPL 840 Planning Methods and Analysis	3
CRPL 900 Professional Planning Practice	3
CRPL 990 Planning Studio	3
Total Credit Hours:	<b>24</b>

## Completion Track

The completion track in the MCRP degree program consists of two components: **(1)** one of four culminating educational experiences—(a) a master's thesis, (b) a professional project, (c) a comprehensive written and oral examination; or (d) the capstone studio—and **(2)** elective courses.

**a. Master's thesis and oral examination:**

CRPL 899 Master's Thesis	6
Elective Courses	18
Total Credit Hours:	<b>24</b>

**c. Comprehensive written and oral examination:**

Comprehensive Examination	0
Elective Courses	24
Total Credit Hours:	<b>24</b>

**b. Professional project and oral examination:**

CRPL 898 Professional Project	6
Elective Courses	18
Total Credit Hours:	<b>24</b>

**d. Capstone studio:**

CRPL 895 Selected Topics: Capstone Studio	3
Elective Courses	21
Total Credit Hours:	<b>24</b>

## Typical Course Sequence

The recommended overall sequence of core courses and electives for students pursuing the 48-credit-hour MCRP degree program on a full-time basis is illustrated as follows:

**First Year:**

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
CRPL 800	CRPL 802
CRPL 830	CRPL 804
CRPL 840	CRPL 810
Electives	Electives
Total Credit Hours: <b>12</b>	Total Credit Hours: <b>12</b>

**Second Year:**

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
CRPL 900	
CRPL 990	
Electives and/or Thesis or Professional Project	Electives and Capstone Studio, Thesis or Professional Project
Total Credit Hours: <b>12</b>	Total Credit Hours: <b>12</b>

Students may pursue the MCRP degree program on a part-time basis, with fewer than 12 credit hours per semester; however, all of the graduate credit hours required for the MCRP degree, as for any master's degree at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, must be completed within ten consecutive calendar years of the first course completed in the degree program.

The core courses in the MCRP degree program typically are offered once each academic year, either during the fall or spring semester as indicated above, but CRPL 800 and CRPL 830 normally are offered every semester. Core courses in the MCRP program are offered in evening hours on a rotating basis.

Students are permitted to begin course work in the MCRP degree program at the beginning of the fall semester, spring semester, or any of the summer sessions.